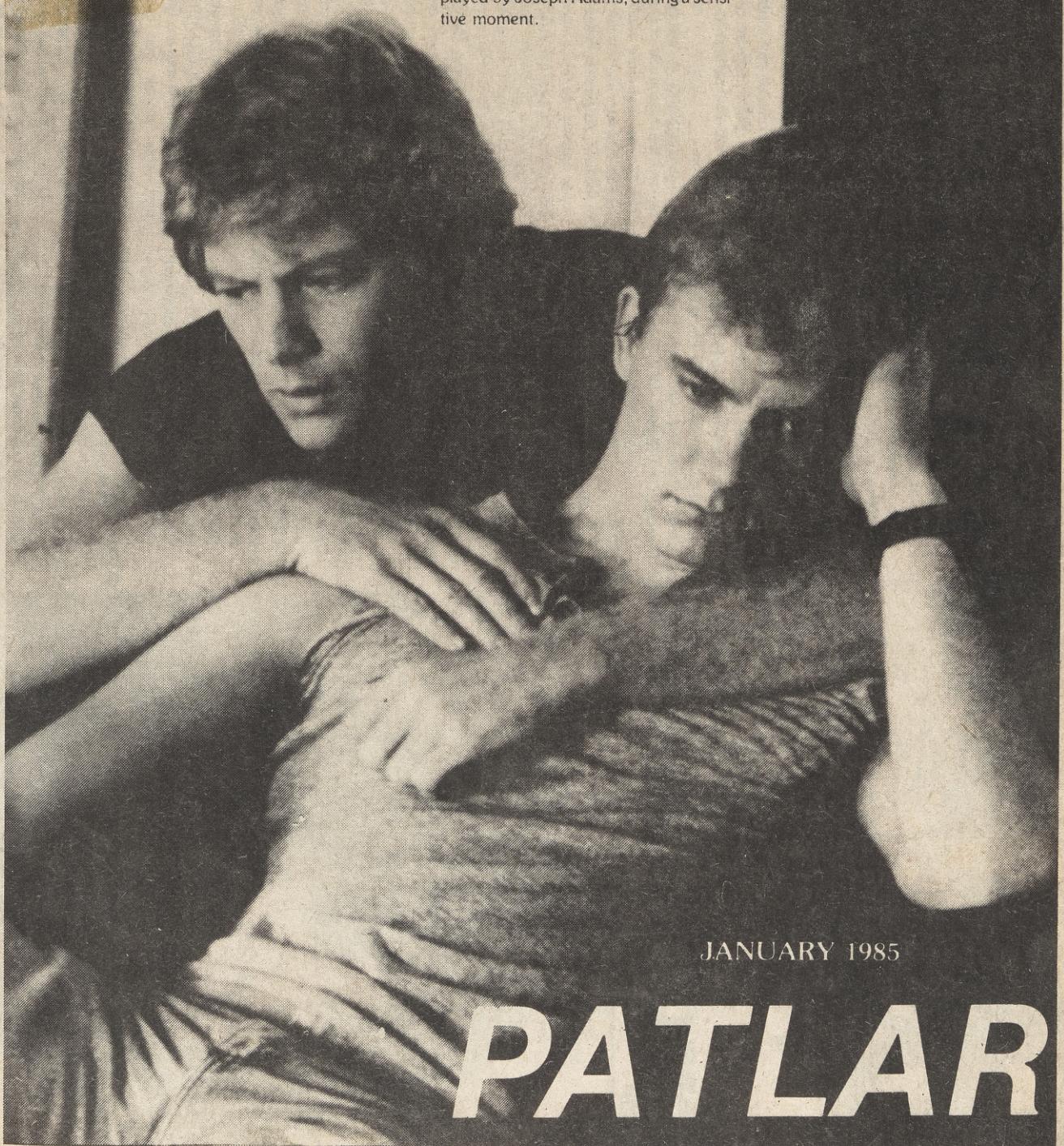


Consenting Adult," the made-for-television movie based on the controversial best selling novel by Laura Z. Hobson, will air Monday, February 4 on ABC-TV. Starring Marlo Thomas, Martin Sheen, and Barry Tubb, and produced by Ray Aghayan, it is the story of how a college student (Barry Tubb) comes to terms with the realization that he is gay, and the way in which those around him deal with this news. Pictured here, Tubb (right) and his "lover," played by Joseph Adams, during a sensitive moment.



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GRNL REPORT FROM CAPITOL HILL

This is the first of a series of monthly columns by the Gay Rights National Lobby (GRNL). Each month the column will provide an update on national legislative activity and its impact on gay men and women. The column is designed to keep readers up to date on the GRNL's activities on behalf of the gay community and will inform readers about actions individuals and groups can take to achieve equal rights for all people.

Legislative Round-Up 98th Congress

During the 98th Congress which concluded on October 12, GRNL was primarily concerned with three legislative areas: Civil Rights, AIDS Funding, and Immigration Reform.

Civil Rights

Legislation to protect gay people from discrimination in housing, employment, publicly funded programs, and others areas requires a long-term education and persuasion effort over several years. Significant strides were made in the 98th Congress, and they will provide a foundation for further action in the years to come.

During the 98th Congress, Senator Tsongas (D-MA) was the chief sponsor of S. 430 which called for prohibition of discrimination against gays in employment, and Congressmembers Ed Weiss (D-NY) and Henry Waxman (D-CA) were the chief sponsors of a broader bill in the House which called for prohibitions against discrimination in housing, public accommodations, and other areas in addition to employment. GRNL, in cooperation with other national gay organizations and friends in Congress, was able to obtain 76 co-sponsors for the house bill and 9 on the Senate bill.

A significant advance in the 98th Congress is that no votes on anti-gay amendments were forced on the floor of either house. This is significantly different from actions in earlier Congresses.

AIDS Funding

Two significant advances on AIDS funding were achieved during this session: (1) increased AIDS funding from the \$55 million requested by the Reagan administration to nearly \$93 million, and (2) established the precedent for having AIDS line item in the budget.

The final AIDS budget increases came from initiatives by Ted Weiss (D-NY) in

the House and Lowell Weicker (R-CONN) and Alan Cranston (D-CA) in the Senate. The final House/Senate Conference committees agreed to a \$14.6 million addition to the Health and Human Services appropriation to fund research at the National Institutes of Health; Centers for Disease Control; and Alcohol, Drug Abuse and Mental Health Administration. The Continuing Resolution also contained an additional \$8.35 million for Food and Drug Administration research. Finally, Senator Weicker promised gay leaders that an additional \$15.6 million of the NIH budget will be allocated for AIDS research.

The significance of this funding goes beyond the magnitude of the numbers. This is the first time that AIDS has received its own line item in the budget. In the past, researchers were required to scour agencies to find unused money in different pots to fund AIDS research. Establishing a precedent for AIDS line items should make it easier to obtain AIDS funding in future years.

Immigration Reform

US immigration laws declare that "sexual deviation" is grounds for excluding visitors and prospective immigrants to this country. The centerpiece of efforts to remove this exclusion from the books has been S. 1086 (Senator Cranston) and H.R. 28125 (Representative Dixon and 40 other co-sponsors. In 1984, The House Subcommittee on Immigration, Refugee Policy and International Law held hearings on Representative Barney Frank's (D-MA) bill—H.R. 4509. H.R. 4509 removes this and several other archaic and inappropriate exclusionary provisions in the immigration law. Former GRNL Executive Director Vickie Monreal was among those who testified at those hearings.

During the second half of the season, much of Congress's immigration focus shifted to the Simpson/Mazzoli Bill, which called for sanctions on employers who hire illegal aliens, among other provisions. This bill died at the end of the 98th Congress. It did not contain any specifically gay provisions, but it established the precedent of judicial review of immigration exclusions. Judicial review allows excluded immigrants to appeal Immigration and Naturalization Service rulings to the court rather than limiting recourse to the bureaucratic administrative procedures.

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MOST RELIGIOUS TEACHERS BELIEVE HOMOSEXUALITY IS OK

Ninety-one percent of college religion teachers and pastoral counselors responding to a recent survey believe that the government should not regulate sex between homosexuals.

G. Sidney Buchanan, a law professor at the University of Houston, conducted the survey. Buchanan, an expert on constitutional law, and one of his students, Mark Johnson, conducted the survey from the fall of 1982 to the spring of 1983.

Buchanan said they also found that nearly half the people who answered his questions believe that homosexual relations are not immoral.

The findings were based on questionnaires sent to 950 faculty members of religious departments in colleges throughout the US and counselors chosen at random from the Directory of the American Association of Pastoral Counselors. Fifty-one percent of the questionnaires were returned.

Of those who responded, nearly 17.7 percent listed themselves as Roman Catholic, 14.9 percent were Methodist, 12.6 percent were Baptist, and 11.5 percent were Presbyterian.

The survey also found that:

Seventy-five percent think adultery is morally wrong; 16 percent do not consider it wrong; and the remainder are not certain.

Eighty-seven percent do not believe adultery should be a crime.

Fifty-three percent think the legal system should limit marriage to opposite-sex couples.

Seventy-one percent would approve of a male homosexual teaching in an elementary school.

Facing Facts

by Galen Moon

(age 82)

I recently spent thirty minutes on the phone with a man who was advised by the doctor trying to prolong the life of his companion of thirty years to call the Gay/Lesbian Coalition for some help, some support when the moment of the inevitable death of his lover occurs.

Of course we, as a helping and caring organization, will do whatever the survivor will allow us to do. Which, if this first conversation is an indication, may be very little.

He admits he and his lover made no plans, no arrangements, drew up no documents for such a time of separation. They isolated themselves from peers and relatives and friends. They buried themselves in a tight closet. They have neither gay nor non-gay contacts, belong to no organizations. Their lives were each other, their house, and the antiques with which they filled their home. The survivor has no place from which to draw solace, understanding, or love.

"I'll never make it by myself. Alone in that big old house full of antiques, without somebody, it's impossible. Might as well box myself up and ship myself back to Detroit with Larry."

I understood where he was coming from. My companion of eighteen years collapsed with a heart attack and died on the operating table in 1959. I lost my cool. Couldn't stand the house or the business where we had lived and worked for those wonderful happy years. Even the boy we had taken into our home when his mother kicked him out, and who had established himself so well after his graduation from Princeton, failed to bring me around. We had made no plans, no preparations for either of us to follow in case of the other's death. The

possibility that our living paradise would not continue forever had not been considered.

What I did was try to run away, desperately trying to prove that what I knew was true was not true. Of course, it didn't work. Looking back, I believe if we had faced facts and discussed and planned for such a possibility, if we had established some plan for coping, I would not have spent the years between January 1959 and May 1971 in a wilderness of struggling and complaining. My lover had been cut down in the prime of life and I had been denied the joy of his companionship; but that continuing lament brought neither comfort nor insight.

Recovery from self-delusion sometimes begins with a severe shock. So it

was with me. Pray heaven no one else goes through a similar cure. The lesson I learned I constantly present to couples and those contemplating relationships: Face facts because dream worlds explode at the most unexpected times. Prepare for such a possibility in your lives. Just as you have affirmed your relationship in writing, outline and discuss the things to do, the moves to make, if death or disability appears.

And, above all, develop contacts, cultivate friends, participate in community activities. Give and share. No one is a world unto himself. Our homosexuality is not something of which to be ashamed; it is rather something to be lived to its fullest. Only so do we make our contributions to our contemporaries and to history.

Horoscopes For the Horney

by Dr. Pat Larr

CAPRICORN (Dec 21-Jan 20): You start the New Year off with a bang, and isn't that your favorite way? A new love convinces you to break those newly made resolutions; and won't you ever be glad you did!

AQUARIUS (Jan 21-Feb 18): A sudden windfall on the 31st takes your breath away. Don't put your money where your mouth is and you could have a good time. Cosmic biggies expand your horizons, so watch out!

PISCES (Feb 19-Mar 20): Venus and Pluto have a high time playing chess with your sign right now. Will you capture a king or wind up with a tired old queen? Check your mate. Beware of the color green.

ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 19): Joint ventures get you throbbing with excitement New Year's Day. This could be the big one you've been waiting for. You always did prefer the Whopper to the Big Mac.

TAURUS (Apr 20-May 19): Everyone's dying to know the real you. Let down your defenses for once and your true love may come forward and expose himself. Then it's time for touchy feely.

GEMINI (May 22-Jun 20): That old lover of yours is out of touch and you're out of time and patience. The New Year is the perfect time to throw out the old and begin a search for the new. Good Luck!

PHILOSOPHY

by Philip E. Ewoldsen

What's your world view? What makes things tick? Who controls society? What principles underlie our social structure? What's your perspective on normalcy? Who determines how we see the world?

Most of us would respond that it's a straight world that pulls the strings, controls the power, dictates the norms; and we live out our lives in reaction, hoping not to get caught in the crossfire.

It's true; they have the power. And unfortunately, it's also too often true that we see things from their perspective. It's a straight world and we're a gay/lesbian minority, and don't you forget it!

Let's face facts. We are a minority. But I refuse to see the world through straight eyes, I refuse to allow my decisions to be colored by a straight mentality, I refuse to allow my life to always be lived in reaction to the straight world. Instead, and with pride, I see the world through my very own eyes, and I call it the way I see it. And I see the world as gay and non-gay.

You may ask: "Well, what's the difference? You're only using different words, but it's the same reality." But that's not true. To be gay/lesbian and to

see a straight world puts "them" in the driver's seat. To be gay/lesbian and to see a non-gay world lets me know that I am of worth, and that my way of seeing/perceiving life is of value. To see it as gay and non-gay takes pride, take a positive self image, and measures the world by the strength and sensitivity and vitality of our world—the gay world. It doesn't mean you put non-gay people down—it just means you see them from our gay perspective. It doesn't mean you become a gay/lesbian militant (although that might happen), but rather that you begin valuing your gayness as a viable, equally valuable option for living.

Gay and straight. NO. I value myself and I value our life experience. As gays/lesbians, we have a long way to go; but let's take one giant step forward and put ourselves up where we belong—as equals. Let's make our world view a positive gay one. Yes, I am gay and proud. I'm a man of convictions, of sensibilities, of responsibilities; and I value myself and my experiences. And from that vantage point, I now see and experience the world in a new and healthier way. I'm gay; and if you're not, then welcome to the non-gay world.

FAUX PAS

by Edwards E. Kett

he's older?

Yours,
Albert

Dear Albert,

Many gay men tend to be sensitive about their ages. So it's best not to mention the subject during your initial introduction. Many gay men feel that cheese is the only thing that improves with age.

(More Faux Pas p. 9.)

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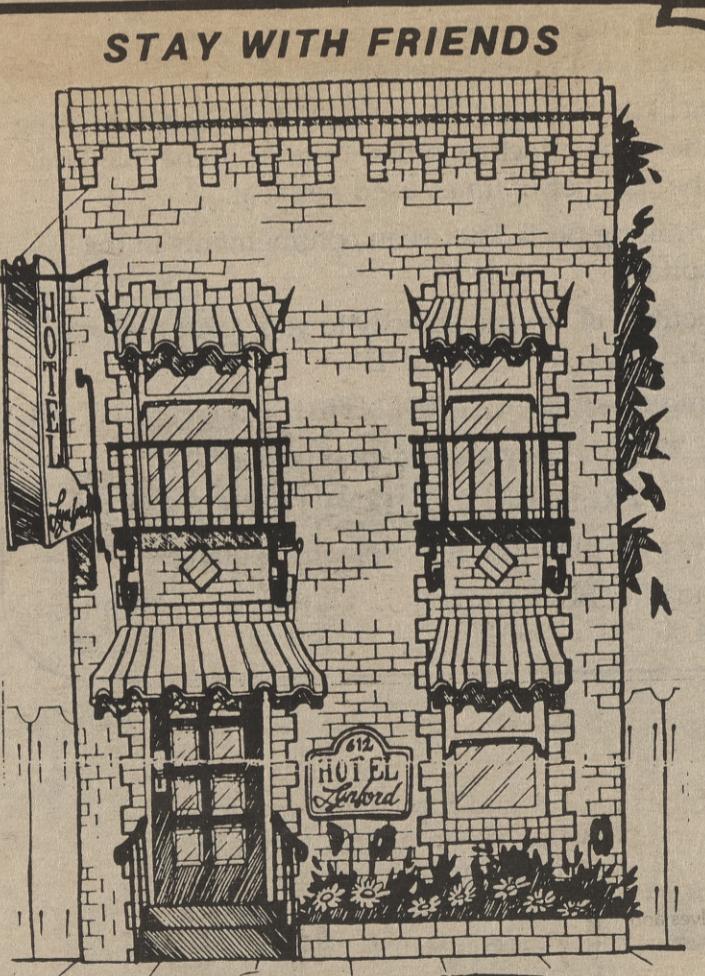
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SWEET DREAMS

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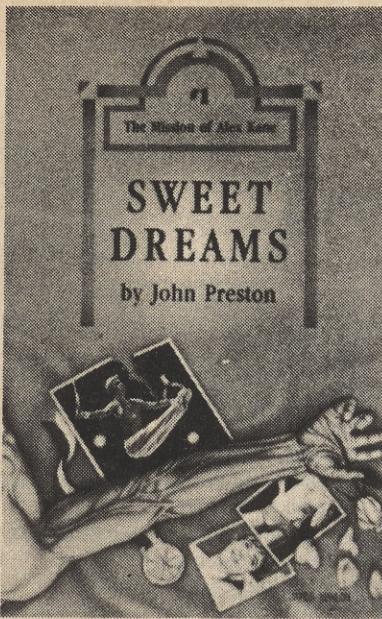
Nice young boys in Boston are turning up dead, and the police are not even noticing. Who will stop the villains preying on the young gays of Boston? Fortunately, there is an unknown, reclusive benefactor who summons forth Alex Kane, gay superhero.

The mission of the dark and handsome, well-built and well-endowed Kane dates back to when he was a callow, eighteen-year-old Marine grunt in Vietnam. One of his officers, Lt. James Farndale, was a handsome, aristocratic blond with a high sense of honor and duty, given to saying things like, "The right thing for a soldier to do is to protect what's good...however he has to do it." Kane hadn't been aware of his homosexual feelings until on R & R in Bangkok, Lt. Farndale kisses him on the mouth in a hotel room. Farndale is the first and only great love of his life, but Kane's bliss dies when Farndale is shot by a faggot-hating sergeant who had burst in on them and caught them in Farndale's tent. Kane immediately avenges his lover's death, but loses interest in living so much that he does not even care why he was miraculously saved from a court martial.

The distraught hero nearly suffocates in San Francisco's Tenderloin, losing himself in booze and "much self-hating sex." The mysterious rescuer who steps in to save him is Farndale's wealthy father, who convinces Kane to put aside his grief to take up a mission: "His work was in the sewers of gay life, in the wards of its most victimized inhabitants. His cause was the protection of innocent, trusting young love.

This brief new novel owes a lot to comic books, TV, and movies. This is perhaps the first in a new series, the gay vigilante as hero. It owes a bit to Clint Eastwood films; and Kane has the grim outlook of Charles Bronson, only he is a lot younger and much, much hunkier.

"Books, Books, Books!"



The novel really begins with the promise of Danny Fortellini, a high school gymnastics star, sweet, sensible, and good natured, who shows a rosy, promising future. But quickly we see him taken advantage of and blackmailed into becoming the new attraction in a sordid boy bordello run by vicious mobsters. Danny's loving parents, his teachers, and friends cannot understand what is happening to him as he becomes surly and obviously on drugs. Poor Danny is rapidly losing touch with the good in himself and disintegrating. His ideals of love gone, he feels a sullied object and learns drugs are the only way to get through.

The senior Farndale's contacts have discovered the pattern on the young bodies turning up, and he has given Alex Kane his new assignment and sent him to Massachusetts to roam the gay world. Kane picks up the trail of the monster who is plying his wares of boy hustlers and drugs and begins to get to the bottom of it. But can he save Danny in time?

SOUNDINGS

by Adam DuMonde
A Resolute Year

By the time you receive this edition of the *Patlar*, the holiday season will be over. If you are like most of us, if you made any New Year's resolutions, you've already probably broken at least one or two. That's why a few years ago, I decided not to make many more New Year's resolutions.

Well, during the holidays, I received a card from a friend of many decades whom I have neglected. She wrote in part: "Get your act together—write or telephone—we love you and are worried about you." That got me to thinking how often we fail to keep in touch with people—how all too often we take those who are most important to us for granted. And, that person's holiday comment set me to thinking about "getting my act together." It is easy for most of us to see problems in other person's lives and have ready answers to their dilemmas. While this may be fine, as another friend observed the other day: "Adam, I think that you and I focus on other people's problems, so that we don't have to really focus on our own."

So, for this person, "getting my act together," involves making some New Year's resolutions that reasonably can be kept. I am going to share these with you, not because they will fit anyone or everyone completely, but because they

just might act as a spur to your own thoughts and possibly your own actions toward leading a more fulfilling life in 1985.

1. As best as I can, I'll try to see other people from their perspectives. Hopefully, this will help me to be better understanding of them. A key element in this is to REALLY LISTEN AND OBSERVE, but without being judgemental.

2. Set in motion a long-range plan to work on my physical health. I've been spending too much time at the local watering holes. Surely, in every community there are other activities and places where we can meet people: a bowling league, political club, dance group, on the golf course, at the museum or art gallery, and so on. In my case, I'm going to join a health club and spend more heretofore saloon "happy hours" there than just exercising my elbow.

3. I'm going to be less hard on myself. Many of us, I believe, strive extremely hard to advance professionally and socially. We set up unreasonable goals and we mentally punish ourselves when these are not met. First step is to realize that we are human beings with faults as well as virtues. We certainly can work on the faults, but let's not be afraid to pamper ourselves when we miss the

mark from time to time. Learn from our mistakes and go on about living life to the hilt.

4. Start doing something for others in a structured way. All of us have time that we waste, and some time certainly should be wasted. But, there are lots of brothers and sisters out there who are in one type of need or another. In any large and in many smaller communities, there are numerous volunteer organizations to which we can give time. We can volunteer even a couple of hours a week to work on a telephone crisis hotline, or get involved in other projects to improve the quality of life in our communities.

5. Quit smoking. For the past five years, I've given lip service to quitting smoking. Right now, I simply don't have the motivation to do much more than that. Perhaps, however, if my time and energies are directed toward meeting the other resolutions, I'll feel so good about myself that I'll finally break down and quit this nastiest of habits.

If you have gotten this far, you probably believe that this kid is some Pollyanna. Well, I'm too old to be a kid any more, and I certainly am no Pollyanna. But life is great and can be made more wonderful if we first love ourselves and embrace the rest of humanity in love

Have a wonderful year.

Certain Body Builders May Be In Danger Of AIDS

A group of doctors at Nassau Hospital in Mineola, New York recently warned, writing in the New England Journal of Medicine, that body builders who use steroids to enlarge their muscles may risk getting AIDS from shared needles used to inject the drug. The doctors have found a body builder in his middle thirties whom they believe may have contracted AIDS in this manner.

Because body builders sometimes share hypodermic needles at health clubs, the doctors said other body

builders may be at risk as well. Some body builders use anabolic steroids to increase the amount of protein stored in the body as muscle, thus enlarging their muscles.

AIDS CRACKDOWN IN WEST GERMANY

In Bonn, the West German Health Ministry recently announced that it was considering legislation calling for prison terms of up to three years for AIDS victims who know they have the deadly disease but continue having sex. The Ministry said it was proposing the sex ban in an effort to eliminate the deadly disease.

So here we have the solitary vigilante hero, whose mission is revealed: "...he, the soldier Alex Kane, would go out into this world and fight to protect the sweet dreams of gay America wherever they were threatened." Yes, all of this novel is this melodramatic, and the characters are as thin as toilet paper. This is the good guy/bad guy stuff of comic books with the action and fight scenes of TV programs. If you like action and saintly heroes who save by using their fists or would enjoy seeing a faggot vanquish those who traditionally hurt gays, would enjoy a gay hero fighting back, *Sweet Dreams* will, as Clint Eastwood puts it, make you day.

Kane certainly is a do-gooder. Early on, in Boston we see him act as a catalyst in introducing two boys in a bar who have been staring at each other. Out of kindness, he tries to arrange others' lives. This demonstrates his "consuming obsession" to nurture innocent young love. Several of the supporting characters are very well drawn. Ted, the corrupt but good looking blond young man who meets Danny at a gay youth group and entices him back to his apartment where a hidden camera films their lovemaking, is sharp and haunted. He is caught himself in the ugly life of prostitution and is himself a tool of the ugly criminal, Mr. Morrisey. Morrisey seeks to establish a monopoly on male hustlers and make his cheap, meretricious penthouse the only place men looking for teenagers can go.

Danny finds out sadly that his friend Sy also offers himself on the street. Sy and the other boy hustlers who linger in the square are being hunted by "heavies" hired by the mobsters. With vivid action, the sinister goons slowly glide in in a fleet of dark Lincoln Continentals and attack the young men with bats and chains; several are badly hurt and one is maimed. These are the men Alex Kane must face alone.

Preston does a very good job of recreating this sordid world and portraying the action.

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4 Tablespoons butter
Salt and pepper, to taste

PREPARATION:

1. Wash, dry and slice your mushrooms.
2. Cook your peas according to package directions.

3. Sauté the mushrooms in butter over medium heat for 5 minutes.
4. Drain your peas, toss in the butter and mushrooms. Salt and pepper to taste.

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(Apple Crisp)
Serves: 4 to 6

A very civil way to end your dinner. Eat it naked—or top with vanilla ice-cream or whipped cream.

INGREDIENTS:

4 cups peeled and sliced tart apples (you little tart!) That's about 4 medium. (Hint: As you slice them, sprinkle with a little lemon juice to keep them from turning brown.)
2/3 cup brown sugar, packed (Pack your sugar, sugar!)

1/2 cup flour
1/2 cup rolled oats
1/4 teaspoon cinnamon
1/4 teaspoon nutmeg
1/3 cup butter, softened

PREPARATION:

1. Heat your oven to 375 degrees.
2. Grease up a square pan 8 x 8 x 2 inches.
3. Put your apple slices in the pan.
4. Mix everything else together with your fingers.
5. Sprinkle over the apples.
6. Bake for 30 minutes.
7. Serve it warm.

Stay snug and cozy, dears. And don't miss next month's adventure in fund and food: LOVE—LAYING IT ON THE TABLE. Till next we eat, Yummy Down! and kiss, kiss...

The Kitchen Fairy

Grandfather's Cupboard

by Charles E. Hall, Ph.D.
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The rice and cayenne/ginger feed the metal element of the body and help the lungs take in the oxygen prana and Po Chi to create "getup and go." The cinnamon helps the fire by creating heat. The beans help the water element cope with the energy rush; and the honey gets the earth element (stomach and spleen) busy with digestion.

People who are really sick, and even those who are very well, will get a real "upper." Were it up to me, I would put conji on every hospital menu. For those with parasites, conji strengthens the colon and lightly flushes the mucus system.

Now for additional variations of the basic mix. English or black walnuts fresh from the shell zap the water element and make cum thick and lumpy for some people. They help store any excess energy, perhaps in the form of adrenalin. Pumpkin seeds do about the same thing.

If you haven't cleaned your colon of accumulated crap, add half a teaspoon of psyllium seeds to the stew for an intestinal scrub down.

If you tend to feel blue or feel sorry for yourself, put a dash of Angostura Bitters or gentian bitters on the grains before stirring in the honey. There's a smile all day in a shake of Angostura. Sometimes I add a few hops before cooking for the same reason. A little popcorn or Hopi Blue corn warms the spirit in the fire element.

This breakfast is so nutritious that I get tired of it if I use it more than three times a week. My body just doesn't need any metal element food more than that. Only people who get lots of colds or sinus or bronchial infections need it more often. Those who have colitis problems or get flu will find rice conji very helpful; and if their spleen meridian is working properly, they will really like the breakfast.

Here are some of the variations I use to round out my grain intake among the five elements. These are all replacements for the short-grain brown rice. Keep the other ingredients just the same.

Oats (metal element) and barley (wood element) have a Scotch flavor. The Scots probably made this as a porridge long before they heard of China.

Equal parts of barley or wheat (wood), millet (earth and fire), oats (metal) and rye (earth) make a more earthy mix with more balance to it, especially with a little corn (fire). I call this the "five-element mix."

Millet alone is very good for a variation, especially in hot weather or during Aquarius, Taurus, Leo, or Scorpio when the seasons are changing. Wheat and rye are a great combination too. With a little caraway seed and lemon peel, it's like rye toast with jelly on it. These two grains don't "explode" like rice and millet do, so I sometimes run them through my grain mill to break them up a little and help them cook softer. Otherwise, they take a lot of chewing.

Adding buckwheat in the winter creates body heat for those who work outside and want to enjoy cold weather. It's particularly good for arthritics and those with excess water weight.

If you sprout the grains for a couple of days, cook them at a lower temperature, say 120-130 degrees F. Dr. Christopher, an herbalist, and the Aquarian Age Gospel are big on this method. Dr. Christopher says the cooked grains will still grow if planted.

Don't forget to chew the conji well. Chewing mixes in the saliva. If you bolt it down quickly, you will miss most of the nutrition because saliva is necessary for digestion. You might even direct a kind thought towards the people who helped you fill your belly. Be good to your food; for in the next 24 hours, it will become part of you.

BREAKFAST OF
ORIENTAL CHAMPIONS

Conji is the chicken soup of the Orient. It is fed to people who are so ill that they haven't the strength to digest ordinary food. It is a staple breakfast food. And in the martial arts dojos (schools) of China, it is the high-energy breakfast that keeps the students kicking high and punching hard.

This marvel of the Eastern world is very simple to make. First, prepare a basic grain mix: one pound of short-grain brown rice, and a heaping tablespoon or more of adzuki beans or red kidney beans. Second, get out your crockpot or double boiler and put in three quarters cup of water, one quarter cup of rice/bean mix and a quarter teaspoon of finely chopped fresh ginger root. Turn your crockpot on its lowest setting, about 150 to 160 degrees F., or put your double boiler over the lowest flame possible. Let it cook overnight. In the morning add cinnamon and honey to taste and it's ready to eat.

It is important not to boil the grains. Boiling kills a lot of the good nutrients in conji.

There are many variants of conji. This first variant has to do with a caution for people who get oral herpes or red in the face, or who sunburn or run fevers easily. These are indicators of a fire element imbalance in the body and adding ginger and cinnamon is putting unnecessary heat in the body. Instead of ginger, use a sprinkle of cayenne and forget the cinnamon. These people will find walnuts, which help contain the fire in the kidneys, a good addition to the conji.

EMOTION
Barbra Streisand

Produced by: Various Producers
COLUMBIA

Barbra Streisand can best be described as one would comment on the beauty, style, class, and sophistication of the Manhattan skyline. They have a distinct style, a feel for being cosmopolitan, and an air of worldliness. They are both true art forms.

M. Streisand has always transmitted a class act, whether it is recordings, Broadway, or the silver screen. Her latest LP venture, "Emotion" strays just a little left of this class act, however, to take on a more youthful and commercial sound which I believe is intended to develop a new group of Streisand fans. In short, she targets the bulk of this album towards today's young record buyers—The Pepsi Generation.

This album is not a bad one, but it ain't the greatest either. Ms. Streisand departs from the uptown Manhattan feel for the more slick Los Angeles productions' ploy which the new group wants to hear.

The entire album is tasteful and clean; the production is tight and has sparkle;

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by Michael J. Maier

but some of the album's material lacks the sophisticated quality that is more becoming Streisand's style. In many aspects, this LP takes a similar parallel to Streisand's 1977 "Superman" album. Both productions, though worlds apart, symbolize a change in artistic styles.

This album represents a closeness to today's very commercial patterned sounds. There is a lack of that Streisand creative signature that has been such an important part of her career.

The LP's style is set from the opening and title track, "Emotion." Produced by Richard Perry of the Pointer Sisters fame, this upbeat r&b features the Pointer Sisters backing up Ms. Streisand giving this a sure Top 40 billing.

"Make No Mistake, He's Mine," the album's second cut, written by Kim Carnes, presents a striking vocal contrast between Streisand and Carnes who doubles with Barbra on this husky pop ballad.

The most outspoken cuts of this entire pop music production are the work of Maurice White of Earth, Wind

and Fire, who produces three finely crafted songs, "Time Machine," "Heart Don't Change My Mind," and especially "When I dream" (a true listening pleasure). Each cut is distinct and has that very familiar E, W & F feel. Hats off to Mr. White, and also to the beautiful, mesmerizing vocal interpretations by Ms. Streisand.

"Best I Could," "Left In The Dark," and "Here We Are At Last," are close to true Streisand mainstays, where a touch of class, love, and emotions comes into play, satisfying even old-time Barbra "freaks" such as myself.

Principally, this is a more packaged sound for Streisand, but this is in keeping with the trends of today. The LP overall has substance, but lacks the emotional depth and artistic feel which has always made Streisand one of the greatest recording artists of our time.

I give this album a so-so 3. Not because the album is that overly bad, but because this could have been a stronger LP overall.

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WITH THE HOUSE ON FIRE

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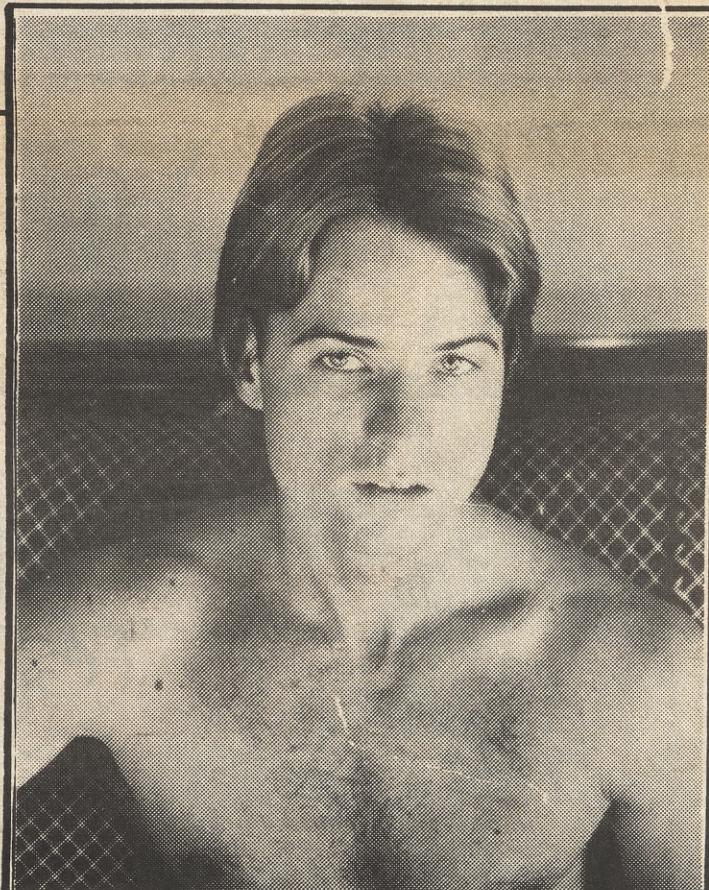
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have a message, in contrast to the music of the sixties. In some aspects, this is correct. But today's format is not totally without meaning or depth. The plot may not be so forward and direct, but it is there. One must look. The hidden messages being portrayed reflect the complexities of today's ever-tense world in which societies struggle daily to survive.

A prime example of non-direct or hidden messages is the current LP release by Britain's Culture Club, "Waking Up With The House On Fire."

Boy George's rise to international pop stardom has taken him far beyond the reaches of musical success to a status of cultural awakening and awareness. His electric neoteric wardrobe, gender directive name, every changing visual interruptions, and cultural melding visions make him an ideal emblem of the Eighties. He is androgynous and has a fitting personality for a visual-oriented age such as ours. Boy George grasps the unknowing conscience of today's society by mirroring through a clown's mask of makeup, both mocking and addressing unkind truths.

The "Club's" latest album is not only

a visual message of Boy George, but is music with a message and social directive. Crisp, bright tunes strut a not-so-pleasing message. Being more to the point, the Culture Club's third album deals with a serious subject, the present and future fating of this world.

This LP confirms the prominence and the superskill of these pop craftsmen. Success has not seemed to have taken its toll with this group like it has with others, for the band remains uncanny in its ability to combine simple but infallible tunes with provocative lyrical structures. Drummer Jonny Moss, Bassist Mike Craig, and guitarist Roy Hay blend smoother with each project. Steve Levine, the album's producer, is most resourceful with the use of mood and pace changes and the merging of soul, reggae, techno-pop, and Latin into consistent and formulated melodies. As with the past two albums, at least half the LP's material is Top 40 bound.

"Waking Up With The House On Fire," as with the previous two LPs, has a distinct solidarity of its very own. "Kissing To Be Clever" is edged on the sweep of synthesizer-laden pop disco,

and the second album, "Colour by Numbers," portrays a soulful Motownish feel. The current LP moves into the true sense of pop music. Over-dubs and soulful chants have been changed into more contemporary uses, such as in the case of one track entitled "Mannequin." Heavy-metal feel is brought into play in the production of "Hello Goodbye," with the "Dive" taking on a techno-pop dance flavoring.

Even though the album keeps an upbeat facet, it is ironic that these chipper tunes forecast a world haunted by trouble and doom. This is deep contrast to their previous outing where old-fashioned love and hope awaited you, and with the first album which made undirected jabs as to racial and gender concerns.

"Waking Up" is a true joy to listen to because it is carried off with style, grace, and total sophistication. I do not find this to be greater than their last album, only because of the diverse difference in the last album's material. But I do find this LP to be worthy of a four-star rating. Go buy; it's worth every cent.

"Besides, I don't have any money," he continued.

"Here's ten dollars," I said, reaching into my pocket. "Get something for tonight."

"I hate shopping," he said, taking the money.

"I know," I said. "So do I."

When I got home from work, a big bag from Burger King was sitting on the bedside table. Cookie was in bed.

"I thought you were going to shop and fix dinner tonight," I said.

"I didn't have enough money," he said.

"What?" I exclaimed.

"Never mind," he said.

I hesitated to ask him if he'd given any thought to looking for a job. I assumed he wasn't "into working" so I let a couple of weeks go by before suggesting he do a little something to help himself.

"Have you thought about finding a job?" I said, sounding a little like President Reagan. "Have you looked?"

"I'm not into looking right now," he said as if to close the subject.

"If we want to eat, we need to work," I said coldly.

"You don't love me," he said. "If you loved me, you wouldn't be making all these demands."

In bed that night Cookie said he need to tell me something but was afraid of hurting my feelings.

"I need to see other people," he said.

"Fine," I said icily. "See other people. I'll see other people, too."

"I'm too young to settle down," he said. "I need to explore things more."

"Like what?" I asked.

"Never mind," he said.

"I agree you're too young to settle down," I said. "But I'm not comfortable subsidizing your lifestyle and letting you use this place as a base of operations."

"Can you lend me \$100?" he said.

"What for?" I asked, beginning to feel a sharp pain in my side.

"If you love me, you'd lend me the money," he said.

"What?" I exclaimed, not quite believing my ears.

"Never mind," he said and turned his face to the wall.

Three weeks later, I saw Cookie leaning against the railing at the entrance to the subway. His bright green bandana and air of insouciance were in place.

"How are you doing?" I asked.

"Fine. How are you?" he asked with a tentative smile. His dirty hair shone like polished copper, but his eyes were flat.

"I miss you," I said. "And there's one thing I have to ask you about. My granddad's pocketwatch is missing. Do you know anything about that?"

"What watch?" he said, looking me straight in the eyes.

"Never mind," was all I could think to say before hurrying down the subway steps and into the yellow-green glow of the tile-lined passageway.

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Dear Ms. Cantello,
I recently became a lesbian after nineteen years of marriage to a quite nice man whom I did not love. (We're divorced now.)

My former husband was very thoughtful in almost every way. He liked sex far too much for my taste, however. That is not to say that he didn't make sure that I achieved orgasm almost every time. But the orgasms were always, without exception, clitoral.

Now that I'm a lesbian, I really want to start having vaginal. But Lavender, I'm not sure just how to go about making sure my orgasms are vaginal. All my new lesbian girl friends talk constantly about the intensities of their vaginal; and I'm afraid to admit that to date I've not noticed anything different. It's all rather disappointing.

Do you have any suggestions for me and other women like me about how to learn to have vaginal rather than clitoral? Please be specific.

Sarah
(Eugene)

Dear Sarah,
Ladies of quality do not write to other ladies of quality about orgasms, clitoral or vaginal. Questions such as those are best put to the likes of those such as Dr. Ruth (if you can get through to her line) or Joyce Brothers or Bob Guccione of that lurid rag *Penthouse*. Write on!

Dear Lavender,
I was wondering if you'd mind helping me with a project that is dear to my heart. I feel that I have a lot to offer some nice guy, so I'm out looking for a lover.

I'd like to have someone well washed, oh say like between forty and sixty-five. I'm twenty-seven myself. But I'm only really particular about one thing. I feel that I could best relate sexually to someone who has had a heart transplant. I read all about that operation in a famous national magazine, which had lots of colored picture. So I just know that there's got to be such an one out there for me.

If you were me, how would you go about finding such a man as I just described? Hurry with your answer because I'm terribly tired of being loverless.

Omar
(Lockhart)

Dear Omar,
Solicit an insurance agency or heart clinic for recent surgeries. Ask for a mailing list. Hell, you might even try hanging around the clinics and hospitals noting who arrives with whom or alone. Each day chart the arrivals, carefully watching patterns, casting glances, flashing winks, etc. Patients do have their virtues; it will just take you awhile to find them.

The affluent and/or well-insured are usually those who have transplants. As I reread your letter, I see more of the wisdom in your words.

Good luck! I hope the love you seek has his heart in it as much as you do.

Dear Lavender Cantello,
Can you help me? I am a misfit. Unfortunately, I was born on November 8, which makes me a Scorpio. Now the sign of Scorpio is the worst, absolutely worst, sign for me. I have all the characteristics of a Libra. The only people with whom I'm sexually compatible are the ones that Libras are sexually compatible with. Lord deliver me from the types that Scorpions are compatible with; all they've ever done for me was dump on me.

I read somewhere that only the Pope has the power to change one's birthday. Would you happen to know how I should go about asking the Pope to change my birthday so that I would be a Libra?

Lorenzo
(Santa Clara)

Dear Constance,
You're simply out of luck here, dear. Neither the Pope nor anyone else can change your birthday. You'll just have to learn to live with being a Scorpio. The late great Patsy Pearl Potts used to say, "Pretty is as pretty does." Try that!

Listening To Lavender

by Mme. Lavender Cantello

Dear Lavender:

I didn't think your advice a couple of months ago to the kid who was having trouble concentrating in class because of his sexual attraction to his professor was really very good, not up to your usual standard.

Lavender, being unrequited is a terrible thing. I know because I've been there. It caused me to have a nervous breakdown. I ended up having to be psychoanalyzed. And let me tell you, that process is neither fun nor cheap.

So next time, Lavender, please don't be so flippant with a suffering soul. People look up to you; don't let them down.

The technique that my shrink taught me, and it worked, was to masturbate about five minutes before the start of class. And then to masturbate again as quickly as possible after the end of the class.

Geoffrey
(Paris, Texas)

Dear Geoffrey,

I'm only writing for the well, dear. However, I am sorry that my abundant knowledge and delicate sense of humor were misconstrued. I mean, dear Geoffrey, that there should not be a narrow view of anything.

Many of us have lived through our breakdowns; I see a breakdown as being, among other things, a loss of a sense of humor. So, don't nag me about my flippancy. I earned my stripes! You're not the only long-suffering soul on this planet, dear, dear Geoffrey.

Dear Ms. Cantello,

My lover, Keith, and I have one heck of a problem and need your advice.

My Dad has always been homophobic. He's a retired fundamentalist preacher. He has vivid memories of some of his hell-fire sermons about the vils of homosexuality. To this day, I've never had enough nerve to say anything to him about my gayness.

Dad comes to see Keith and me often. Too often! He seems to be fascinated by Keith. Actually, he seems to be coming on to Keith.

Keith and I are very uncomfortable about this situation. When Dad insisted on moving to this town, I wondered why. Now I'm beginning to wonder if it was to get close to Keith.

How would you handle this situation?

Arnold
(Plattsburgh)

Dear Arnold,

Fundamentalist preachers don't retire, they just reiterate. Apparently, reiteration takes its toll. Could it possibly be that your father has more than retired and maybe abandoned his preaching out of wanting to understand you and Keith, even if you haven't divulged your lifestyle.

I'd like you to confront your father. Otherwise, this situation will fester. Start with asking about religion; then work up to your debut. Feel him out about Keith after you've analyzed the results.

Dear Lavender,

I just read in the newspaper that a former lover of mine died. I haven't seen Randy now for about twenty years, but for a long time we were inseparable. Don't you think it was mean of him not to notify me of his impending death? And since we were so close for about a decade, don't you think that I should have some claim on his estate? Didn't our relationship amount to my having been his common-law wife, or some such thing? We broke up when I decided to go gay.

Constance
(Winslow)

Dear Constance,

With hopeless twits, such as you, laying claim to more than the fortunes in men's eyes, it's no wonder that there are so many misfortunes. I'm surprised you weren't upset that he didn't tell you that he'd died.

Dear Ms. Cantello,

Please help me, for I'm literally beside myself about a problem with my lover, Erika. I'm aware that this problem has been causing comment in our circles.

Erika is a successful professional woman. She works with the public and spends a lot of time making sure that the public is aware of her. She maintains that "a highly visible profile" is half the battle in her line of work. I have no argument with her premise, only her practice of it.

Erika and I love to go to public performances: plays, movies, operas, recitals, symphony concerts, readings, reviews, dance contests, you name it. I love for us to get "there" a little bit early, like say ten or fifteen minutes, in order to greet friends and to find our seats easily and without fuss or bother. Erika, on the other hand, absolutely insists on getting "there" at the very last minute, preferably even a minute or two late. She insists that only by walking in late, after everyone else has been seated and often after the performance has actually started, can she be sure that her arrival will be noticed by members of the audience; and she insists that one of the main reasons she likes to go is to be seen and noticed by as many people as possible.

Lavender, this habit of Erika's is driving me crazy. How do you suggest that I go about putting a stop to it?

Mona
(Deland)

Dear Mona,

You're a strong woman, too! Simply meet her "there!" Your friends (and Erika's public) obviously know her eccentricities and would allow you yours. I, personally, can't stand being late for anything, and I see your complaint as being most reasonable. Henceforth, just meet Erika at the scheduled event.

(Madame Cantello would like to hear from her readers regarding their personal problems. Persons may write her c/o THE PATLAR, Box 22402, Sacramento, CA 95822. Madame Cantello retains the right to edit any letter chosen for publication.)

More Faux Pas

Dear Mr. Kett,

A friend of mine tells me that the old rules no longer apply and that it's okay to order white wine with red meat. Is he right?

Always,
Marcel

Dear Marcel,

Your friend is mistaken. When eating red meat at the table in a public place, a red or rose wine is still the proper accompaniment. If, on the other hand you find yourself alone in the alley behing the restaurant with your lips wrapped around a big piece of red meat, feel free to swallow whatever you wish.

Aussies Attack Gays In Blood-Bank Furor

In Sydney, Australia homosexuals blamed by angry Australians for the AIDS contamination of that nation's only blood bank have been threatened with dismissal from their jobs and sometimes even violently beaten.

Terry Goulden, Director of Sydney's Gay Counseling Service, said he believed the situation was getting out of control, particularly on Oxford Street, the center of the city's 52,000 gay community. He went on to say that: "A violent element has already beaten up some of the gay community. This element is preparing to take out their hostility on gays....There are many employers threatening their gay staff with the sack and gays being ostracized by fellow employees."

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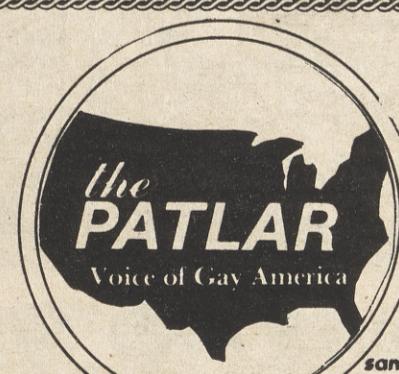
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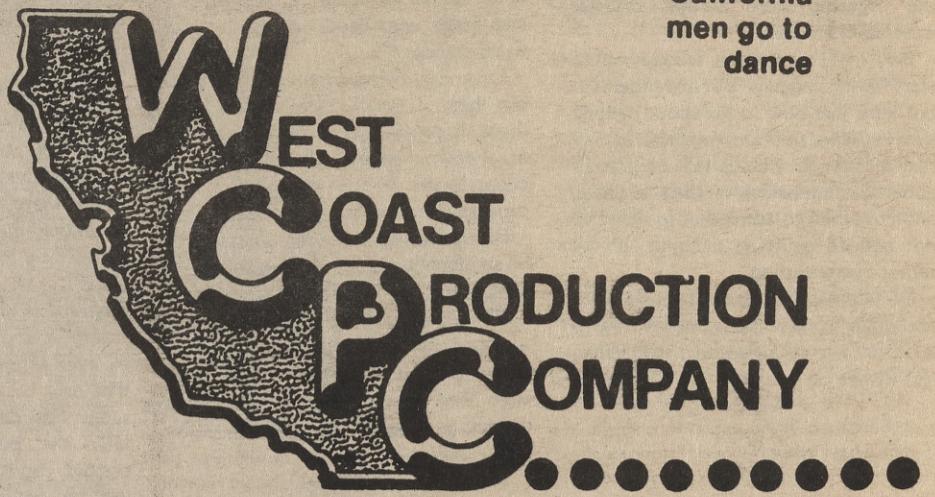
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GREENWICH VILLAGE

Seventh-day Adventist Kinship International has filed for National Historic Landmark status with the National Park Service for the building which formerly housed the Stonewall bar in Greenwich Village.

The building is already on the National Register of Historic Places as part of the Greenwich Village Historic District, but its listing on the register is unrelated to its association with Stonewall. National Historic Landmark status is a step above a listing on the National Register of Historic Places, therefore filing for Landmark status will ensure that 53 Christopher Street is remembered for being the birthplace of the modern gay liberation movement.

The Stonewall bar was raided by police on June 27, 1969. The gay clientele resisted the police, thus starting off three days of rioting in Manhattan's Greenwich Village. The modern gay liberation movement which resulted from the riots is often called "the Stonewall movement" and it is not uncommon to read of the changes occurring in the years "since Stonewall."

SAN DIEGO

Plans are being developed to provide San Diego's lesbian/gay community with a new community center.

Although the Lesbian and Gay Men's Community Center has functioned as an organization since 1970, financial problems forced the closing of the physical plant in 1982.

The new center will be located at 3780 Fifth Avenue in Hillcrest, just behind the Brass Rail. This facility was selected because of its low rent and central location. The board has indefinitely deferred plans to buy its own building.

Volunteers and donations for the center are needed. For more information, call Joe Mayer at (619) 272-6176.

KANSAS CITY

Black and White Men Together (BWMT) Kansas City is one of the most active BWMT chapters in the nation. Recent activities have included an eight-week series of informational programs about AIDS; speed-reading lessons at Penn Valley Community College; a black history exhibition at Johnson County Community College; and revivals of *Bent* and *Talking With*, plays presented at the Unicorn Theatre.

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The Lansing Association for Human Rights Political Action Committee (LAHR-PAC) had a busy and successful fall election season.

LAHR-PAC rated 78 candidates by surveys, past information, assistance from the Michigan Organization for Human Rights (MOHR), and the National Gay Task Force (NGTF).

There were 36 races rated by LAHR-PAC, and 27 of these races had candidates which were rated positive—or 75%. Of these 27 offices, 19 of the positive-rated candidates won—or 70%. An analysis of the 20-member Ingham County Board of Commissioners indicates that there are 11 positive votes, 2 unknown votes, and 7 negative votes.

Although the success rate is very good, the organization is elated that it represents the success of positive incumbent candidates. It means that the support which previously existed was retained.

CINCINNATI

The right of the Metropolitan Community Church to hold prison services may go before the US Supreme Court, following the recent ruling by the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals that prison officials may prohibit gay-oriented church services.

The court upheld a 1977 US District Court ruling that prohibited gay inmates from worshiping together because to do so would identify them as gays and might expose them to violence from other inmates. MCC attorneys called the decision evidence of a paranoid fear of homosexuality and pledged to take the case to the US Supreme Court.

ALBUQUERQUE

A chapter of Dignity is being formed in New Mexico.

Dignity is a national organization formed to promote the cause of gays and lesbians within the Catholic Church and in society. It is involved with the spiritual development and education of gay people, social justice, women's concerns, and social events.

The third Sunday of each month has been named as the regular meeting date for Dignity/New Mexico. A social event will be held during the first week of each month. More information on Dignity/New Mexico can be obtained from Barbara Byers at (505) 344-5849. In Santa Fe, the contact person in Crane Day, who may be reached at (505) 983-8529.

PADUCAH

Persons who want to attend a church that welcomes gay people in the Paducah, Kentucky and southern Illinois areas may soon have the chance. The Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) of Southern Illinois located in Carbondale wants to contact people in the Paducah area who are interested in organizing an MCC there. For more information, contact Rev. Reid Christensen, (618) 549-1482.

HOUSTON

A non-gay minister has been hired to lead the fight to pass a gay-rights ordinance in Houston. The Rev. William Oliver, pastor of the Plymouth United Church in Beaumont, Texas, was chosen for the post by Citizens for a United Houston because of his experience in political and civil-rights fights.

The campaign will build support for a special vote in the new year on two gay-rights ordinances which had been passed by the city council but which were suspended pending a referendum imposed by an anti-gay petition drive.

ALLEGTON

A coalition of local churches in Allentown has granted about \$2000 for the purpose of setting up a gay community center.

The opening of the center was celebrated by about 100 people. The facility will depend on pledges from the community to continue in operation. The center is situated in the downtown area and houses half a dozen gay/lesbian groups, a hotline, and a PAC. MCC will hold services there as well.

ST. LOUIS

The St. Louis Woman's Choir, a feminist repertory choir, is seeking new members. For information, call (314) 771-2967.

LEROY

Plans are already underway for Women's Motorcycle Festival '85.

The site will be a private camp located along Seneca Lake in the heart of the Finger Lakes region of upstate New York. This location provides canoeing and rowboating, swimming pool and pond, platform tents, hot showers, and a large recreation and dining hall. The area also includes many places of interest to women including the National Women's Rights Park, the Women's Hall of Fame, the Elizabeth Cady Stanton House, and the Women's Encampment for a Future of Peace and Justice.

WMF '85 will offer prepared meals, all events and activities, entertainment, festival shirt, rally pin, tour guide, and no workshifts as part of the registration fee. For information, write: WMF '85, 7 Lent Avenue, LeRoy, NY 14482.

SEATTLE

The U.S. Court of Appeals in San Francisco recently ruled that Washington state can demand a membership list from a private gay club when that club applies for a liquor license.

The issue arose in a Seattle case involving a club called The Sanctuary, which claimed that forcing it to turn over its membership list would "subject club members to harassment."

The San Francisco appellate court panel said club owners failed to show that giving up the list would stop persons from freely associating at the club.

NEW YORK

Acupuncture is being used to treat AIDS at the Substance Abuse Division of New York City's Lincoln Hospital. Dr. Michael Smith has used the ancient Chinese technique since December 1982 on more than 30 patients suffering from acquired immune deficiency syndrome.

Reportedly, the treatment of Dr. Smith's first AIDS patient was successful. His symptoms—night sweats and extreme fatigue—disappeared, and his blood tests, which previously revealed low T-cell (white blood cell) ratios, improved. Smith points out, however, that no one really knows how to evaluate the success of AIDS treatment.

There is one case in which acupuncture seems to have halted the spread of cancerous Kaposi's sarcoma lesions, which are considered among the more terrifying and lethal results of AIDS.

Smith is extremely cautious about offering an analysis of how the acupuncture mechanism operates. He has applied for a research grant to the New York State AIDS Institute to do a thorough evaluation of acupuncture's effectiveness in the fight against the disease.

BOSTON

Gay & Lesbian Advocates & Defenders (GLAD) is a non-profit, tax-exempt public interest law organization. Founded in 1978, GLAD gives gay men and lesbians throughout New England a way to be heard in the courts. GLAD protects gay and lesbian rights by: filing precedent-setting lawsuits; filing *amicus curiae* (friend of the court) briefs; educating the legal community in cases where homosexuality is an issue; participating in conferences and discussions to educate the public and the gay community about gay and lesbian rights under the law; and, publishing a newsletter, GLAD BRIEFS, with updates on GLAD's current work and on legal developments important to the gay community.

In addition to cases accepted for litigation, GLAD's attorneys, particularly members of the litigation committee, answer numerous requests for information about gay rights and the law. GLAD has advised on questions ranging from custody, military discharges, employment matters, and police harassment and arrests, to the rights of students, the age of consent, whether gay couples can marry, and prison issues.

For more information, write GLAD, PO Box 218, Boston, MA 02112, or call (617) 426-1350.

DAYTON

An organization has been formed for Dayton Lesbian and Gay Parents (DLGP). The purpose of the organization is to investigate such topics as how to show affection to non-homosexual friends, coming out to children and family, and reactions of children with gay parents. Information on meetings can be obtained by calling (513) 461-7730.

HOWARD COUNTY

The Howard County, Maryland, Office of Human Rights recently ruled that gay couples are not entitled to the "spousal discount" for AAA Motor Club memberships. The decision was issued in a suit filed by Steve Jacobs and John LeBeda. Jacobs and LeBeda were represented by National Gay Rights Advocates (NGRA) in the first of a series of lawsuits intended to secure equal rights for gay couples.

LAS VEGAS

The first Desert States Lesbian and Gay Conference is being planned for the weekend of March 30-31, 1985 in Las Vegas, Nevada. The conference is for leaders and those interested in the gay and lesbian movement in the states of Arizona, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, and Utah.

"Empowering each other," is the theme of the regional conference. Virginia Appuzo, the Executive Director of the National Gay Task Force, is expected to be the keynote speaker.

Workshops will be held on a wide range of subjects including the media, politics, religion, health, law, parenting, networking, economics, youth, aging, sex, education, art, gay-pride week, gays in the military, married gays, mental health, and cooperation between gay men and women. Each workshop will be led by regional experts in the subject.

Leaders from all five states are currently working on plans for the conference. Every community within the five-state area has been asked to select a female and male co-chair to serve on the Conference Steering Committee.

For more information, interested persons are urged to contact Michael Lawewy at 2619 Heritage Dr., Las Vegas, NV 89121 (702) 457-2591.

DALLAS

The 5th US Circuit Court of Appeals recently denied the appeal of the state of Texas to reverse the 1982 decision overturning the state's sodomy law.

The court ruled Texas statute 21.06, making homosexual acts criminal offenses, unconstitutional.

Texas appealed to the US Circuit Court on the grounds that the Constitution does not specifically provide protection to homosexuals. The 5th Circuit Court denied the appeal, however.

BALTIMORE

Membership in the Gay and Lesbian Teachers of Maryland (GLTOM) has continued to grow over the past year. Several committees have been established to better address the goals of GLTOM. The group meets at the homes of members on the third Friday of each month.

For more information, call the Gay and Lesbian Switchboard in Baltimore at (301) 837-8888. Inquiries may be addressed to PO Box 5604, Baltimore, MD 21210.

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BERKELEY

The Berkeley City Council recently extended health and welfare benefits to the unmarried domestic partners of city employees. Berkeley is the first city in the nation to approve such a law.

The Council regarded the matter as a civil right in a time when the family structure and definition of family have changed.

The domestic partners law gives benefits previously reserved for the spouses of city employees to unmarried partners, whether homosexual or heterosexual.

To qualify, couples must sign an affidavit stating they have lived together for at least six months and a "domestic partners agreement" that says they are each other's "sole domestic partner and they are responsible for their common welfare."

At first unmarried partners will qualify only for dental care and sick-leave benefits. This approach will enable the city to assess the scope of its care.

The Council asked the city manager to issue a report in March 1985 on the impact of the policy. Other benefits will be extended then, pending talks with city unions and health-care providers.

The policy is expected to cost the city \$24,000 to \$42,000 depending on how many couples use it.

SAN FRANCISCO

A nonsectarian retirement center for older gay men and lesbians is being planned in San Francisco. Funding for the center has been authorized by the Board of Trustees of the First Unitarian Church of San Francisco.

The new organization is named GALAXY which is an acronym for "Gay and Lesbian Accommodations for the Experienced in Years."

The purpose of the GALAXY Retirement Center Fund is to establish one or more centers designed for older gay women and men, although it will not discriminate against heterosexuals. The centers will provide residential and assisted independence services and recreational and social programs.

There has been discussion about the need for such a center for the Gay Community for a number of years. For example, the G40Plus, an organization of older gay men that meets on the first and third Sunday afternoons at First Unitarian Church, has many members who are keenly interested in such a center. Currently in the United States, New York, Los Angeles, and San Diego have centers, while abroad centers exist in the United Kingdom, the Netherlands, the Scandinavian countries, and Japan.

The San Francisco area has a large and growing gay population that is becoming older, and the goal of GALAXY is to provide services and facilities where older gay women and men will feel comfortable because of a commonality of background and experience.

Tax deductible contributions to GALAXY Retirement Center Fund may be sent to GALAXY, 1st Unitarian Church, 1187 Franklin Street, San Francisco, CA 94109. Additional information on the project may be obtained by calling (415) 431-4949.

MODESTO

The Owl Empire of Stanislaus County (SOE), a non-profit service organization, recently held the coronation of its new Emperor and Empress—Emperor XI Ray and Empress XI Amazon. The theme of Coronation 84 was: A Rainbow Fantasy—Won't You Come Ride In Our Beautiful Balloon. For more information about SOE, write PO Box 6272, Modesto, CA 95355.

According to a comprehensive poll recently published by Det Norske Forbundet, apparently there has been a big shift in Norwegian attitude regarding homosexuality. Four out of five Norwegians polled say they accept homosexuality, with only about 2% believing it should be illegal.

Compared to a similar poll taken in 1967, the figures indicate a remarkable change. In 1967, three out of four Norwegians said homosexuals should strive to change their sexual orientations.

Sex Book Law Takes Effect In Minneapolis

Under a law that went into effect on New Year's Day, sexually provocative books must now be kept under wraps in Minneapolis.

The Minnesota Civil Liberties Union, however, has announced that it will file suit in US District Court challenging the law. "They're playing political games with people's First Amendment rights," said Matthew Stark, Executive Director of the MCLU. "The Bible might also be considered sexually provocative. It talks about intercourse and adultery. You cannot tell from this (ordinance) what will in fact be sexually provocative."

FARMINGTON

Common Bond members are organizing chapters in Farmington and Santa Fe.

Persons who live in the Four Corners area have decided they need and want a local organization that can provide the kind of support for gay men and lesbians that Common Bond provides in Albuquerque. By forming a chapter of Common Bond, they can be part of the state-wide gay and lesbian movement.

The Common Bond board of directors recently gave tentative approval to a plan to form chapters statewide. The plan provides that any group of three or more members of Common Bond who wish to form a branch of the organization may set up a Chapter Information (CIF).

Common Bond will provide organization and financial help to set up and run CIFs.

Philadelphia

A 16-page booklet entitled "Coming Out to Your Parents" is available from the Philadelphia Parents of Gays. It is for gays who are considering coming out to their parents, and it describes six stages most parents go through when they learn of their child's sexual orientation.

For a free single copy, send a self-addressed, stamped business envelope to: POG, PO Box 15711, Philadelphia, PA 19103. (Address the envelope as you wish; no additional marks will be added by POG.)

WEST HOLLYWOOD

A lesbian social worker was elected as the first mayor of West Hollywood, which is California's newest city.

Valerie Terrigno drew the most votes of city council candidates in the November cityhood election and was named mayor by acclamation by the other council members. Three of West Hollywood's five council members are openly gay.

The election of Terrigno was greeted with wild enthusiasm by a standing-room only crowd.

The newly elected council will govern a two-mile-square area, bordered by Los Angeles and Beverly Hills, including the Sunset Strip.

The population of the city of chic restaurants, fashionable boutiques, and apartment houses is about one-third gay. It is also inhabited by many senior citizens in the predominantly Jewish Fairfax district.

ITHACA

The Ithaca city council passed a gay-rights bill in 1974. That ordinance banned discrimination against gays and lesbians in housing and city employment in Ithaca. Now, ten years later, the council has passed a new version. The new ordinance bans all forms of discrimination against lesbians and gay men. And provisions in the new ordinance make discrimination against gays a criminal act. Cases now go directly to criminal court rather than a mediation commission; and if guilty is proven, the penalty for discrimination can be \$500 or 15 days in jail.

EUREKA

Humboldt United Gays (HUG) held a benefit recently at The Jambalaya. Nearly 80 people attended the event, which featured several performers.

The organization seeks volunteers, supplies, money, and suggestions. For more information, call Carole, (707) 444-8611, or write HUG PO Box 660, Eureka, CA 95502-0660.

WASHINGTON, D.C.

The National Coalition of Black Gays (NCBG) is planning a national conference to be held in St. Louis in November 1985.

The proposed conference will be held in conjunction with an NCBG convention and is a response to concerns raised by supporters and members of NCBG.

The final selection of the site and date for the conference will be determined at the February 1985 meeting of the Board of Directors. NCBG is encouraging broad-based community participation in planning the conference. Information about the conference and other on-going projects of NCBG is available from NCBG's national office, 930 F. Street NW, Room 514, Washington, DC 20004.

INDIANAPOLIS

Way Off Broadway Productions was established in the spring of 1984 to bring gay theatre to Indianapolis and the surrounding area. The first production was Doric Wilson's "Street Theatre," a fictionalized account of the events leading up to the Stonewall Riots.

The next production will be in February 1985 and will be Noel Coward's "Private Lives." This droll and witty romantic comedy will be presented with an all-male cast. Dates and location will be announced soon.

Persons are sought to become involved in all areas of production. Write: Way Off Broadway Productions, c/o Lowry, 1609 N. Delaware St. No. 1, Indianapolis, IN 46202.

CLEARLAKE

by Rick Spring

December 15 the Cabaret held its Mr. Clearlake Contest Awards Dinner. There were five winners: 1st—Randy; 2nd—Joel; 3rd—Bill; 4th—Don; and 5th—Wayne. Best of luck to all of you and enjoy your reigns. And thanks to the Cabaret for having such a fine party.

Also congratulations to Scotty who recently passed his real-estate license examination.

Gene's is now having Champagne Sunday Brunches from 10 to 3. Judging from the turnout, it's a good idea.

Both the Cabaret and Gene's Saloon wish you all a Happy New Year and thank you for your support during 1984.

STOCKTON

Stockton now has two gay bars.

The Paradise redecorated recently and looks great. Now there is a large window between the foyer and bar area. The mirrored ball is now a mirrored tube and there are still men's neon lights. Paradise still has Sunday beer busts from 1 PM to 7 PM.

Not to be outdone, at the Boot Strap the pool room is now the dance floor and the pool table is located in the corner.

CONCORD

The Diablo Valley Gay Crisis Line will return to its regular hours soon. The service will provide support, information, and referrals each Friday and Saturday from 7 PM to Midnight. The telephone number is (415) 674-0171.

GLENDORA

The Pomona-San Gabriel Valley Chapter of Great Outdoors meets the second Tuesday of every month in the community room of the Pomona First Federal Bank—801 S. Grand Ave., Glendora at 7:30 PM (just 2 blocks north of the 210 Fwy.). Call Don at (818) 763-9040 for more information.

The English Apparently Believe In Equality For Gays

A survey for a leading newspaper in England has revealed that a majority of people in that country apparently believe in equality between homosexuals and heterosexuals. The survey was conducted recently for the *Observer* by one of the world's leading pollsters—the Harris Research Centre, an American company.

The poll was based on more than 1000 interviews. The most startling finding was the new attitude on gay rights. Some 55% of those interviewed approve of equal rights for homosexuals.

Other questions revealed that the majority of parents are not against sex before marriage; are not opposed to marriage between different races; and believed in, of all weird things, coeducation.

Strangely, the most conservative social values are held by Labour voters, while those more likely to be more liberal in their attitudes are Conservative or Alliance supporters.

The Chairman of the Harris Research Centre, called the findings "startling." He said, "What emerges is that just below the surface of the daily headlines there is a story of sweeping changes in Britain's social values and living styles."

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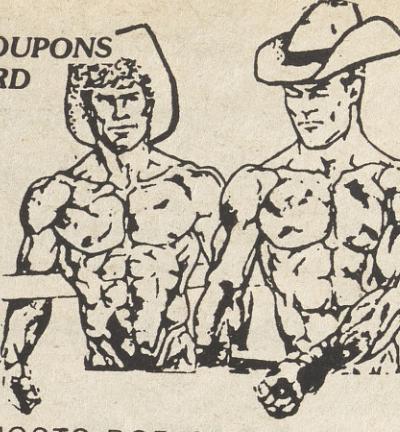
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Now that we have jingled the bells in December, it's time to juggle the bills in January. Now is the time to get our new show on the road, get back on our diets. But boy oh boy, what a December we had starting off with Carol MacFarland's GNIE Christmas Party: good food, good company, good entertainment. That was also the night that the prestigious Humanitarian Award was given out. A most well-deserved person received this year's award, none other than Norv Giles. Congrats, Norv. Congrats also to Ms. MacFarland for a wonderful evening...Then came the Patlar Christmas Party. Another evening of fun-filled entertainment with the following winners: Tied for Mr. Patlar were Steve (from Modesto) and Steve (from Sacramento); our own Dear Katie from the Incredible Edible won Ms. Patlar; and Tony won Miss Patlar. Congrats to all you winners!...The very next evening at the Mercantile Saloon, Ernie Brown & Bobbette presented us with their third annual Christmas party, a benefit fund for children of gay parents. It was a well-attended evening. Live entertainment supplied by our one and only David Beard with his beautiful country & western style. Oh, by the way, let's all wish David good luck on his 18 cities midwestern tour. Break a leg, David...Bobbette and I would like to thank each and everyone for their donations of food, toys, & monies for making this another successful benefit...Moving on down to the Wreck Room, they had their toys for tots night. You should have seen them (the toys). This was their

third annual toys for tots benefit. A job well done, Wreck Room...The following Sunday, we (Sacto) were treated to another Christmas Party (formal) hosted by Jim Pisciotta (Duffy's Cleaner), Barbara Disney (Farmers Ins.), and Paul Fitzgerald (Incredible Edible). And speaking of incredible, this was exactly what this party was, as always. It is so good to see that once a year we don't have to clone ourselves in nikes, addidas, or levis. You would be surprised how different everyone looks (for the better, I might add). The food was a gourmet's delight. The party was an expression of their appreciation for your patronage...The Bo-Jangles/Scandals jockey shorts contest was a blast. I mean, A BLAST. Our very own Duke & Duchess Bingo Party for BOJ was highly successful. This, too, was a benefit fund...Don't forget, name the Buffalo, at The Buffalo Club Jan. 11th...Yes, I kid you not. December was a memorable month...Have you heard? New to our area is a 24-hour recorded message of all activities and club events happening in Sacto and nearby vicinities. Jett, Jaime Escobar's Telephone Tatler, will keep you informed of activities and club meetings happening each week. Dial 452-8454 24 hours a day. Look for Jett's number in your favorite establishment or paper...On with 1985. Here are my predictions for this new year...Aunt Rose will replenish her rose garden (especially the ones that are planted by the front door) with a thornless variety. And we know why...Dwaine will surpass Liz Taylor with husbands this year...Terry (BOJ/Scan) will open a chicken delight rental service...LaKish will remarry & remarry & remarry an old ex beau...Bobbette will learn how to ride a motorcycle for obvious competition...Lonne (BOJ) will become the Rona Barrett for 1985...Chuck (Forum) will increase his waiter service during main events, hopefully...GNIE will speed up their bookkeeping services...Skip (Western) will give his bartenders ample leeway when he is taking off...Jim Weston (Patlar's Editor) will extend deadline dates. Rod A. (Merc) will start dating senior citizens (Jim Weston's available, Rod)...Opal will purchase a muzzle, or a zipper...Phillip will be adopted, legally...

...Randella (Merc) will start sleeping at home...Lala (Western) will become a raving bitch (oops, sorry, I mean "butch")...Diggette will buy controlling stock in a cab company...Epolito (Merc) will be asked to join an orchestra; and he will, if he doesn't have to play second fiddle...That's about it for now. Don't forget: GNIE LAVENDER HEIGHTS PROM. Check at the bars for details...And again, have a real good year.

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A fourth man appears dressed in heavy leather attire. After posing for the audience, the man balls Tony who, by now, has been placed face down on what appears to be a very large hassock. (This over-long film makes a weak attempt at kink, but fails to make the grade.)

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Boggler No. 1

The voice of Scotland Yard's Sgt. Holmes came over the telephone: "Mr. Jones, I have bad news. The body of your uncle has just been found. We believe he was murdered."

Mr. Jones exclaimed: "I can't believe it's true. I saw Uncle John late yesterday afternoon, and he didn't seem to have a care in the world at the time."

"There's no question about the identification, Mr. Jones. I would like to see you immediately to ascertain if you can give us any information that might help in locating the murderer."

An hour later, Sgt. Holmes was interviewing Mr. Jones in his home.

"It's well known that Uncle John had enemies," said Mr. Jones. "He had a

business partner, Paul Smith, who accused him of stealing the business. Also, Uncle John broke up a lover relationship between Sam Greene and Levi Lee. Sam Greene was violently upset and said he would get even. Finally, you should be aware that Uncle John was on bad terms with his two brothers, Tim and Larry Davis. They fought violently over the years. I can give you their addresses if you want."

"No, thank you, Mr. Jones. From what you've said, it's clear that I must place you under arrest for the murder of your Uncle John."

How could Sgt. Holmes be so certain since Mr. Jones gave him little concrete information?

BOGLLER NO. 2

The industrial spy, Mr. Bond, was being questioned at police headquarters. "Come clean, Mr. Bond," said Inspector Tracy. "Where did you hide the secret formula you stole from Prescott and Sons?"

"I did not want it in my

possession when I saw that your man was following me," Mr. Bond replied. "So I entered the Public Library and put it into a book. I've forgotten the name of the book, but I remember clearly that I put it between pages 123 and 124. Now, I have no idea where it is."

Inspector Tracy said, "You're lying, Mr. Bond. Tell me where you really hid the formula."

How could Inspector Tracy tell from what Mr. Bond said that he was lying?

Answers:

1. Jones gave himself away because in any book. 2. Pages 123 and 124 are the opposite sides of the same least three inches. 3. When he mentioned the name of his own admission, he had at his mastermind uncle. By this means he was able to get his own admission. 4. When he mentioned the name of his own admission, he had at his mastermind uncle. By this means he was able to get his own admission. 5. When he mentioned the name of his own admission, he had at his mastermind uncle. By this means he was able to get his own admission. 6. When he mentioned the name of his own admission, he had at his mastermind uncle. By this means he was able to get his own admission. 7. When he mentioned the name of his own admission, he had at his mastermind uncle. By this means he was able to get his own admission. 8. When he mentioned the name of his own admission, he had at his mastermind uncle. By this means he was able to get his own admission. 9. 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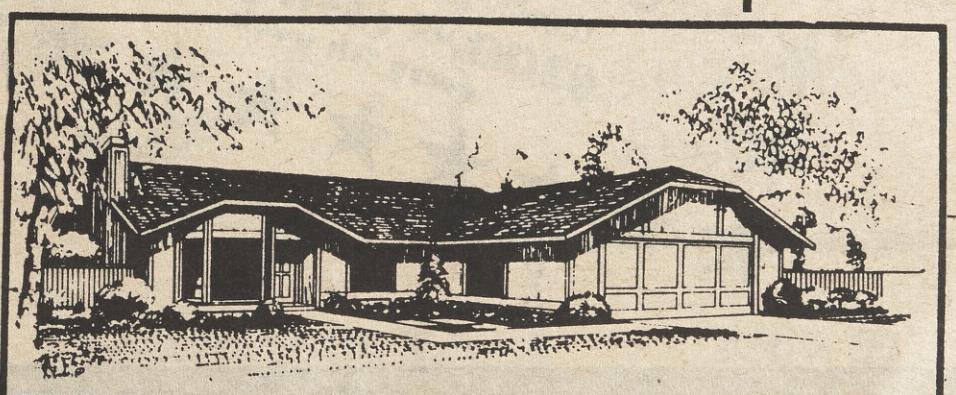
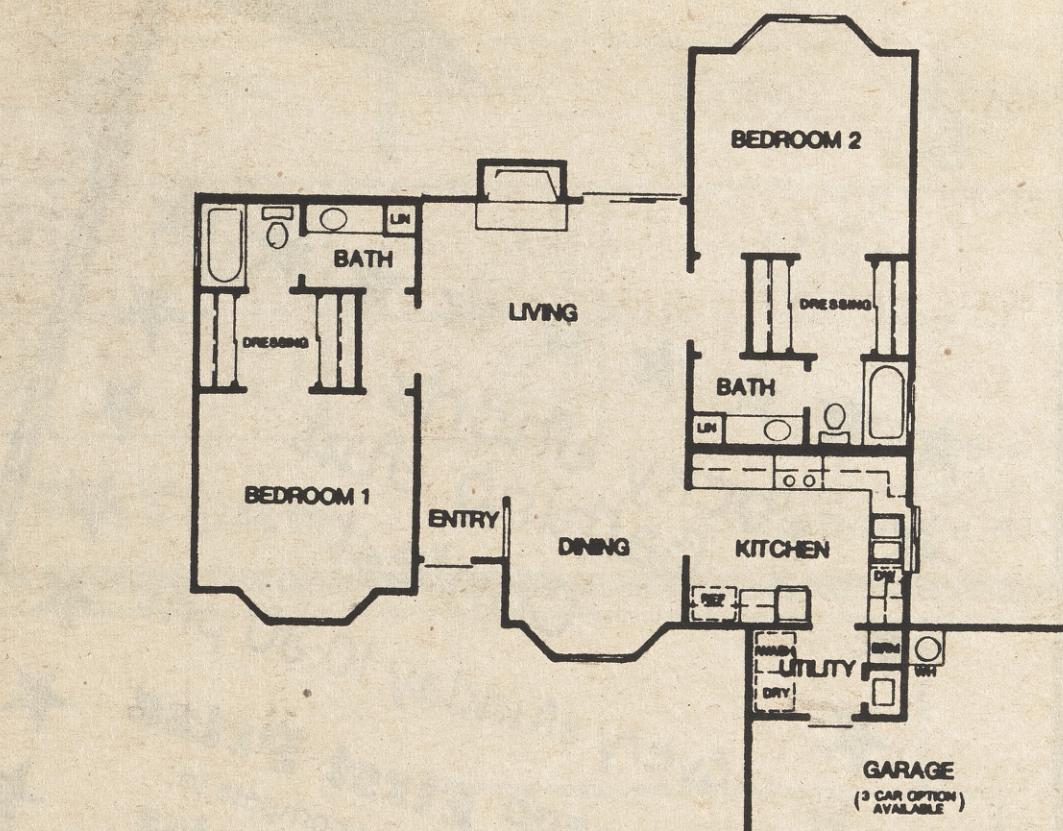
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